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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on February 7, 2006. In conjunction, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted herewith. Please amend the application as follows: